

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 98-111 were allowed. Claims 112-117 are withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner, but Applicant submits that they should be rejoined and examined. See M.P.E.P. § 821.04. Claims 112-116 are process claims that depend from the allowed product claim 98. Claim 117 depends from allowed claim 108 and is also directed to a transgenic plant. Therefore, Applicant requests rejoinder of the withdrawn claims.

Newly added dependent claims 124-131, 137-145 and 151 are directed to the elected invention. Upon allowance of the newly added product claims, the newly added process claims 132-136 and 146-150 should be examined in this application.

The rejections made in the Action are moot. Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit an early Notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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